

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## REPORT TO: Scrutiny Committee

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**Date of Meeting:**

**Report of:**

Director: Brenda Smith  
Head of service: Children, Families and Adult  
Safeguarding – Kate Rose

**Subject/Title:**

**Portfolio Holder:**

Over-view report on Adult Safeguarding 2012/13  
Cllr Clowes Health and Adult Social Care

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report was requested from Scrutiny Committee to provide an over-view of the current landscape for Adult safeguarding in Cheshire East.
- 1.2 It sets out the wide range of activity across Adult safeguarding, the key pressure points and the actions needed to address this
- 1.3 Report:

### 2.0 Decision Requested

- 2.1 That Scrutiny receive the report.
- 2.2 That Scrutiny note the current position in relation to the recommendations made in the report.
- 2.3 That Scrutiny advise what would be helpful in future reporting

### 3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 Safeguarding training strategy to be agreed to ensure competencies are met
- 3.2 Record keeping policy to be produced alongside practice standards
- 3.3 Staff to utilise an “observational” check list when undertaking reviews in care settings
- 3.4 Provider forums to continue to be utilised to present current safeguarding issues and best practice
- 3.5 To begin to scope Quality Assurance resources across partner agencies, to avoid duplication ie CEC, CCGs, CWP, Healthwatch, CQC
- 3.6 To build effective relationships with Healthwatch and the Quality Surveillance Groups
- 3.7 Monitor the impact of the Welfare Reforms, particular any increase in financial abuse alerts

- 3.8 Shape and develop the DOLS service to enhance best practice and learning from case-law
- 3.9 Commence the Domestic Abuse Strategy
- 3.10 To capture the voice of service users via the audit process
- 3.11 To continue to work with partners to ensure the most effective prevention, recognition, response and intervention to safeguard the adults of Cheshire East

#### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 All

#### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 All

#### **6.0 Policy Implications including - Carbon reduction - Health**

- 6.1 The work of Adult safeguarding is inevitably integrated with the Health service, this will become a greater demand and requirement as changes in government policy drive this agenda forward.

#### **7.0 Financial Implications (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)**

- 7.1 That the financial implications of the Scrutiny report recommendations be covered within a further paper that accounts for the proposals within the anticipated White Paper.

#### **8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)**

- 8.1 The legal framework and responsibility set out in legislation and through case law, and will be affected by the changes and implementation of Support and Care Act and the implementation of the Vulnerable Older People Plan

#### **9.0 Risk Management**

- 9.1 There is a risk that as demand increases and resources are tighter that the capacity on services will be stretched. Alongside this there is a strong commitment to ensure that Adults in Cheshire East are afforded a safe environment and receive safe care

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